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1. EMBASSY SELF-HELP ALLOTMENT FOR FY 78 IS IN AMOUNT OF DOLS 10,000. AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF POSSIBLE PROGRAMS FOR SELF-HELP FUNDING, WE HAVE COME UP WITH FOLLOWING (IN ORDER OF PRIORITY): (1) AGRICULTURAL PROJECT FOR 4,180 POOR RURAL STUDENTS IN LEKANA (PLATEAUX REGION) (DOLS 18,000); (2) ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN'S DYE AND TAILORING FACTORY (DOLS 2,000); AND, POSSIBLY, (3) PURCHASE OF ERTS PHOTOGRAPHY (DOLS 2,000). INTERESTINGLY, THERE WERE SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH WE DISCUSSED WITH CONGOLESE, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CULVERTS AND MODEST WATER TOWERS IN INTERIOR, WHICH RESULTED IN BEST SELF-HELP EFFORT OF ALL: CONGOLESE DID IT THEMSELVES.

2. AS INDICATED, THREE PROJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE LIKELY TO COST TOTAL OF ABOUT DOLS 22,000. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE
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DEPARTMENT'S FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST FOR AUGMENTATION OF OUR SELF-HELP FUNDS BY DOLS 12,000. IN ABSENCE OF BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, SUCH FUNDS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AS DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE, IN DEMONSTRATING OUR INTEREST IN ASSISTING CONGOLESE. THIS FUNDING IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW SINCE WE WOULD PLAN TO DEVOTE MUCH OF FY 79 SELF-HELP MONIES TO BURGEONING PEACE CORPS PROGRAM.

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